

Class Exercise 9

1. Find the area of the ellipse cut from the plane $z = cx$ by the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Solution. A parametrization is given by

$$\mathbf{s}(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, cr \cos \theta), \quad (r, \theta) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi].$$

We have $\mathbf{s}_r = \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j} + c \cos \theta \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{s}_\theta = -r \sin \theta \mathbf{i} + r \cos \theta \mathbf{j} - cr \sin \theta \mathbf{k}$. Hence

$$\mathbf{s}_r \times \mathbf{s}_\theta = -cr \mathbf{i} + r \mathbf{k}.$$

The area of the ellipse is equal to

$$\iint_{D_1} |\mathbf{s}_r \times \mathbf{s}_\theta| dA(r, \theta) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + c^2} r dr d\theta = \sqrt{1 + c^2} \pi.$$

2. Find the flux of $\mathbf{F} = z^2 \mathbf{i} + x \mathbf{j} - 3z \mathbf{k}$ outward through the surface cut from the parabolic cylinder $z = 4 - y^2$ by the plane $x = 0, x = 1$, and $z = 0$.

Solution. A parametrization of the surface is

$$\mathbf{r}(x, y) = (x, y, 4 - y^2), \quad (x, y) \in R \equiv [0, 1] \times [-2, 2].$$

As $\mathbf{r}_x \times \mathbf{r}_y = -\varphi_x \mathbf{i} - \varphi_y \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} = 2y \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, the flux is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_R \mathbf{F}(x, y, \varphi(x, y)) \cdot (2y \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) dA(x, y) \\ &= \iint_R (2xy - 3(4 - y^2)) dA(x, y) \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_{-2}^2 (2xy - 3(4 - y^2)) dy dx \\ &= -32. \end{aligned}$$